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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in the subject application.

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of the first office action on the merits but <u>before</u> the mailing date of a final office action under 37 CFR 1.113, the required fee in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(p) is attached. Should any additional fees be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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The listed document was cited in the background with respect to Applicants' above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

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